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Underwater Inspection of Local Agency Bridges

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The underwater inspection requirement for bridges was emphasized in the latest revision to the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). The details of that revision were covered in Circular Letter 89-3, dated January 23, 1989. Since then, a list of bridges requiring an underwater inspection has been distributed to you with the details of underwater inspections in Circular Letter 89-41, dated November 30, 1989. The deadline is January 1, 1991 for completion of the underwater inspections and data entry in the Illinois Structure Information System (ISIS).

Some agencies have completed a part of their inspections and reported the results in ISIS, while other agencies are in the various stages, but making progress. The purpose of this letter is to re-emphasize the DEADLINE and point out the short time left to complete this work.

Your prompt attention and completion of this work will fulfill NBIS requirements and assist in maintaining the current federal funding level for bridge replacement and rehabilitation. If you have not scheduled this work, please do so immediately to insure completion by the deadline.

Very truly yours,

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